ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF *Acton*

MAINE

FOR THE YEAR

1973

ENDING JANUARY 31, 1974

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Report From the Board of Selectmen

This is the first time your Selectmen have made a report to residents of Acton on the activities and accomplishments of this office. From the minutes taken at each and every meeting to the Selectmen we deem it necessary to inform you of the work that has been done and some yet to finish.

The best description of Acton '73' is "GROWTH". New homes have sprung up in every direction, with one hundred nineteen building permits issued in '73' compared to the eighty-three in '72'. Growth had accelerated to the degree that the townspeople, at a special town meeting inAugust, felt that it would be wise to place a moratorium on approval of developments until Town Meeting Day, March 9, 1974. This gave the Planning Board time to approve and prepare an Acton Zoning Plan for presentation at this town meeting. A comprehensive plan had been passed prior to the Zoning Plan. The Planning Board have worked hard and long and have held two public hearings on the plan as it developed. Thanks to the Planning Board we can look forward to an orderly growth of our town in tune with our environment rather than an indescriminate explosion which has ruined so many towns to the South of us.

Acton '73' marked the first impact of U.S. Revenue Sharing Funds on our Town's economy. We used these funds to repair and refurbish the Town House and Library, to help purchase a fire truck, and to buy our two hopper-sander trucks, plus other routine expenditures. These funds also allowed us to reduce our tax rate.

Acton '73' witnessed many other events, among which are:

a. Evelyn Mullins became the first woman to be elected to the Board of Selectmen.

b. Constable Louis Young had a very serious accident in the fall but we are pleased to state that he is up and about once more.

c. The Volunteer Fire Dept. — in addition to their regular fire fighting, training and maintenance activities 88 has created a fine pumper out of a surplus Army truck, some steel plates and a lot of sweat and ingenuity.

d. Another polution survey was made in Mousam Lake and the results are as follows. "To stop polution we will have to fix our septic systems and stop poluting". We have responded to this with an article in the warrant, proposing a five year Clean-Up Program.

e. Acton took its first tentative steps in the direction of police protection. When the Town approved the acceptance of Balch Dam at the Special

Town Meeting called in August 1973 it was necessary to protect the town with some form of law and order. An escalating number of breaking and entering incidents throughout the town and particularly on isolated camp roads was a deciding factor. This venture has been successful for it has reduced robberies in the town. This venture has been voluntary because we have had no appropriated funds for it in '73'. Thanks to Frank Gemalli and Robert Mullins the townspeople have had 6 months experience to use in evaluating its impact on the town and to decide at Town Meeting which direction we should go.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen, Acton, Maine

TOWN OFFICERS
1973

Moderator

GEORGE MEE

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

ROBERT E. FOLEY
EVELYN E. MULLINS JOHN L. HOBBS

Road Commissioners

ROBERT R. YEATON (North)
ROBERT HUTCHINS (South)

Town Clerk

RENA J. ANDREWS

Tax Collector

RENA J. ANDREWS

Constable

LOUIS A. YOUNG

Treasurer

PAUL G. GERRISH

Superintendent of Schools

THOMAS S. VOSE

School Committee

WILLIAM BRAZIER
OLIVE M. TREADWELL GEORGE MANN

Health Officer

RENA J. ANDREWS

Registrar of Voters

RENA J. ANDREWS

Sealer of Weights and Measures
GEORGE F. LOWD, Springvale, Maine

Chief, Fire Department

PAUL G. GERRISH

State Fire Warden

PAUL G. GERRISH

Deputy Fire Wardens

GEORGE WYLIE ROBERT YEATON
RICHARD HAM JOHN HOBBS
PETER SMITH FRANK GEMELLI

Finance and Warrant Committee

GEORGE MEE
LESTER BEALS RALPH DUNNELLS
JOHN WINCHELL
NORMAN WENTWORTH GEORGE MANN

Planning Board Members

LESTER HOBBS 12-31-75

VICTOR MEE 12-31-76

NORMAN WENTWORTH 12-31-74

DAVID BARTLETT 12-31-78

GEORGE MANN 12-31-77

Associate Members

LESTER BEALS

GEORGE MEE

Member Southern Maine Regional Planning Comm.

LESTER HOBBS

Conservation Commission

THEODORE FERREN, 3-20-77

VERNE WALKER 3-20-76

PAUL WEBB 3-20-75

PETER SMITH 3-20-74

GEORGE MANN 3-20-73

Civil Defense Director

GEORGE MANN

Appeals Board

LOUIS A. YOUNG, 4-1-75

STANLEY THWING 4-1-76

STANLEY SMITH 4-1-74

Plumbing Inspector

FRANK GEMELLI

Election Clerks

LOUISE HORN
ELSIE MANN
ROBERT MULLINS
ARLETTA GALE
CANDACE HURST
MURIEL VEBSKY
LORRAINE YEATON

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

Fiscal Year of 1973

Valuation and Assessment

Property	*Res.*	*Non-Res.*	
Land	$ 85,438.00	$ 410,570.00	$ 496,008.00
Buildings	240,620.00	655,810.00	896,430.00
Total Real Estate	326.058	1,066,380.00	1,392,438.00
Personal Property	14,795.00	2,140.00	16,935.00
Total Valuation	$340,853.00	$1,068,520.00	$1,409,373.00

Exempt Property

Property of Veterans and their Widows	$ 10,735.00
Town Owned Property	74,500.00
State Owned Property	1,250.00
N.H. Water Resources Board Water Rights on Salmon Falls River	5,750.00
Churches, Parsonage and Organ	15,750.00
Boy Scouts	6,500.00
Pine Seedlings	160.00
Town Lien Property	675.00
	$115,320.00

Real Estate, Personal Property and Poll Taxes Committed

Rena J. Andrews, Collector

ASSESSMENT:	
Valuation X Rate — $1,409,373 X .126	$177,581.00
Tax Commitment	$177,581.00

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT:

Tax Commitment		$177,581.00
Appropriations	$184,871.78	
County Tax	7,007.00	
State Tax	235,950.00	
	$427,828.78	
Overlay	2,444.39	
	$430,273.17	
Deduct by Law:		
State Tax	235,950.00	
State Revenue Sharing	1,826.64	
		$252,692.17
		$177,581.00

1973 Tax Rate $126.00 per $1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

1972 Supplemental Real Estate Taxes	$80.40
1973 Supplemental Real Estate Taxes	617.40
Total Supplemental Taxes	$697.80

ROBERT E. FOLEY
JOHN L. HOBBS
EVELYN E. MULLINS

Selectmen and Assessors
of the Town of Acton

U. S. Revenue Sharing Trust Account

Check received Apr. 9, 1973	$ 4,396.00
Check received July 9, 1973	4,396.00
Check received Oct. 8, 1973	5,146.00
Check received Jan. 10, 1974	5,146.00
	$19,084.00
Int. on account to Feb. 1, 1974	853.74
Bal. in Account	7,533.39
	$27,471.13

Report of Treasurer

Balance Feb. 1, 1973		**$16,420.22**
Received from Tax Collector:		
1972 Taxes	$ 5,389.71	
1973 Taxes	169,706.55	
1970 Poll Taxes	3.00	
1971 Poll Taxes	3.00	
1972 Poll Taxes	18.00	
1973 Excise Taxes	10,267.76	
1974 Excise Taxes	6,657.55	
1972 Supplemental Taxes	80.40	
1973 Supplemental Taxes	617.40	
		$192,743.37

Received from Payment of Liens:		
1971 Taxes	$ 347.10	
1972 Taxes	919.56	
Charges and Interest	209.98	
		$ 1,476.64
State Subsidies:		
School	$ 9,988.32	
TRIF	8,827.98	
Title II	150.00	
Special Education	124.44	
		$ 19,090.74
Received from State Treasurer:		
Snowmobile Tax Refund	$ 402.00	
Snow Removal	4,138.00	
Revenue Sharing	1,826.64	
		$ 6,366.64
Received from Springvale National Bank:		
Loans	*$ 40,000.00*	
		$ 40,000.00

Other Receipts:

Tax Collector:	
1972 Interest	$ 204.02
1973 Interest	447.58
Ford Foundation - Conservation	750.00
Transferred from Revenue Sharing	7,459.61
Evelyn Mullins - Reimbursement	43.85

Ruth Reddinger - Donation Fire Dept.	20.00
Equipment, Use of:	
Grader	9.00
D6 Tractor	528.75
Sanders	1,273.25
Robert Yeaton - Gas	144.99
Natalie Ricker - Culvert	58.19
Plumbing Permits	
George Mee	10.00
Frank Gemelli	51.60
Building Permits	119.00
Terry Brown - TV Stand	2.50
Hurd Lumber - Logs, Horn Pond Rd.	329.30
Appeal Ads	36.40
Campers	
Anderson Cove, Snow Removal	300.00
Colby Ricker, Matching Tar	500.00
Willard Libby - Hubbard Cove	999.68
Batchelder Bros. - Ins. refunds	205.00
	$ 13,492.72

Total Receipts	$289,590.33
Paid by Warrants 1-55	254,395.10
Balance, January 31, 1974	$ 35,195.23

Cemetery Trust Funds
In Granite State Savings Bank

Fund	*Bal. 2-1-73*	*Int.*	*Bal. 1-31-74*
Mary A. Burbank	$ 274.59	$14.56	$289.15
Lyman H. Fox	441.53	23.42	464.95
Delia A. Hurd	335.72	17.59	
	Disbursed	$45.00	308.31
Clara A. Sherman	234.58	12.42	247.00
Joshua M. Young	511.32	27.13	538.45
	$1,797.74	**$95.12**	**$1,847.86**

U. S. Revenue Sharing

1972 in Savings Account 2-1-73		$14,993.00
Transferred to Checking Account	$7,459.61	
Balance 2-1-74		$ 7,533.39
1973 in Savings Account 2-1-74		$19,084.00
Paid out of regular account but not transferred from Revenue Sharing	$ 750.00	
Interest on account to 2-1-74		$ 853.74

Tax Liens

Mature Liens held by Treasurer:

Andrews, James III	$ 32.40
Bodwell, Curt	6.86
Brock-Plummer	10.50
Dubois, Alice	7.80
Gordon, Ansel	9.50
Grant, Roger	39.60
Levesque, Martin, bal.	4.14
	$110.80

Unmature Liens:

Carlton, Malcolm - Nancy (4)	$210.38
Dion, Albert and Doris	93.80
Dubois, Alice	10.72
Fisher, Harold	13.40
Levesque, Martin	46.90
Martin, Fannie	53.60
Pagliuse, Louis and Flennis	194.30
Rendall, Raymond (Mrs.)	206.36
Shaw, George and Pauline	261.30
	$1,090.76

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL G. GERRISH, Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 1973

Recorded in the Town Records for 1973

2 Births
12 Deaths
11 Marriages

DOGS LICENSED IN 1973

2 Kennels
97 Males
20 Females
77 Spayed Females

196 Total

NOTICE

Dog licenses were due and payable January 1st. Owners of dogs must show that the dog has been immunized against rabies within two years, before they can be licensed.

The municipal officers shall within the month of April issue a warrant to the constable directing him to proceed forthwith and enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any unlicensed dog.

Before entering such complaint the constable shall call on the owner of such dog and demand payment. If the owner pays such license fee, he shall pay in addition thereto the officer's fee of $3.00.

A suitable tag showing the year such license is issued must be worn securely attached to a leather or metal collar which must be worn at all times by the dog for which the license was issued, and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove such tag or to place either collar or tag on any dog not described or for which the license was not issued.

Respectfully submitted,

Rena J. Andrews,
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 1973

State Tax	$235,950.00
County Tax	7,007.00
Town Appropriation (as voted at Town Meeting)	184,871.78
Overlay	2,454.45
	430,283.23
Less	252,692.17
	$177,591.06

1973 Real Estate Taxes:

Collected		$169,706.55
Abatements		376.11
Unpaid Resident Taxes		1,704.46
Unpaid Non-resident Taxes		5,803.94
		$177,591.06
1973 Supplemental Real Estate Tax Committment	$ 617.40	
1973 Supplemental Real Estate Taxes Collected		$ 617.40
1973 Excise Taxes Collected	$10,267.76	
1974 Excise Taxes Collected	6,657.55	
Total Excise Taxes Collected		$ 16,925.31
Interest Collected on 1972 Taxes	$ 204.02	
Interest Collected on 1973 Taxes	447.58	
		$ 651.60

OTHER COLLECTIONS

1972 Real Estate Taxes	$ 5,389.71	
1972 Supplemental Real Estate Taxes	80.40	
1970 Poll Tax	3.00	
1971 Poll Tax	3.00	
1972 Poll Tax	18.00	
		$ 5,494.11
Total Collections for 1973		$193,394.97

CREDITS

By receipts from Treasurer for cash:

February 14,1973	$ 3,091.25
February 28, 1973	2,111.47
March 29, 1973	2,202.72
April 30, 1973	2,742.98
May 30, 1973	2,234.33
June 27, 1973	1,045.84
July 30, 1973	860.92
August 10, 1973	22,857.40
August 22, 1973	44,544.60
August 31, 1973	29,434.20
August 31, 1973	143.82
September 11, 1973	31,199.10
September 28, 1973	16,154.42
October 31,1973	11,917.28
November 30, 1973	6,901.27
December 31, 1973	4,067.07
January 31, 1974	11,886.30
	$193,394.97

UNPAID RESIDENT TAXES

Bridges, Olive	$ 145.10
Crawford, Phyllis	66.15
Evans, Harold Jr.	94.50
Fisher, Harold	12.60
Hurst, Robert	189.00
Jewett, Olivine	63.00

Kerrigan, Donald	69.30
Lessard, Albert	132.30
Long, John	47.25
Martel, Fannie	50.40
Martel, Lester	37.80
Mazzotta, Lorraine	45.36
Monroe, Phyllis	31.50
Pare, Reynold	144.90
Perkins, Ralph	75.60
Provencher, Lionel	81.90
Shaw, Raymond	154.35
Vachon, Martin	88.20
Wilson, James	58.70
Yeaton, Robert Jr.	116.55
	$ 1,704.46

UNPAID NON-RESIDENT TAXES

Adams, Leslie	$ 81.90
Campbell, Richard	141.75
Carlton, Malcolm	197.82
Cavallaro, Altio	214.20
Clark, Frank W.	105.21
Clay, Burton	44.10
Coady, Patrick	157.50
Dubois, Alice	10.08
Edmonds, George	96.39
Evarts, Elsie R.	81.90
Farrell, Richard	75.60
Francis, Bradford	296.10

Gair, Donald	189.00
Gallant, George	140.49
Gandolfo, Mathew	154.35
Goodstein, Harry	189.00
Goodstein, Harry	6.68
Goodwin, Harold	18.90
Grover, John D.	126.00
Grover, Richard	166.95
Harvey, Edward	94.50
Horgan, Thomas	166.95
*House, Beatrice	63.00
Howell, William	119.70
Lakeside Investment	176.40
Landry, Robert	88.20
Lawrence, John	66.15
*Lawrence, William	81.90
Leary, Ethel	88.20
Leighton, Lloyd	56.70
Levesque, Martin	44.10
Libby, Lawrence	44.10
McCarthy, William	91.35
McLellan, Sterling	88.20
Meisner, Paul	6.30
Meyer, Frederick	12.60
Morse, Charles	124.11
Morse, Evelyn	75.60
Nazzaro, Frank	151.20
Northrop, Charles	88.20
Pegliuso, Louis	6.30
Pegliuso, Robert	113.40
Parker, Malcolm	69.30

Picone, Ruth C.	100.80
Popp, Stanley	88.20
Rendall, Mrs. Raymond	194.04
Roberts, Clifton	20.16
Roberts, John & N. Stilphen	6.30
*Roderique, Donald	69.30
Rowe, James	110.25
St. Hillaire, Roland	25.20
Shaw, George	245.70
Shupe, Stanley	69.30
Stroud, James	30.24
Thompson, Roger	57.96
Vachon, Arlene	103.95
Waitt, William	69.30
Whicher, Mrs. H. W.	120.96
Zamachi, Ruth	81.90
	$ 5,803.94
Total unpaid taxes	$ 7,508.40

* Paid after the books were closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rena J. Andrews
Tax Collector

HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS
Snow Removal

Receipts

Appropriation	$23,000.00
State Reimbursement	4,138.00
Trans. from Misc. Acct.	3,600.00
Total	$30,738.00

Expenditures

Overdraft fwd. from 1-31-73	$ 3,604.50
Plowing Dist. 1	2,970.18
Plowing Dist. 2	3,416.16
Sanding Dist. 1	3,239.15
Sanding Dist. 2	3,047.62
Stock Pile & Salt	4,959.04
Plow and Sander Repairs	125.00
Total	$21,361.65
Balance	$ 9,501.35

Plowing District #1
Approximately 22 Miles

Bragg, Richard, hand	$ 25.00
Brazier, William, hand	30.00
Doyle, Patrick, Plow Fire Station	10.00
Long, Dennis, hand	48.75

McInnis, Michael, hand	145.00
Pillsbury, Carl, hand	233.75
Pillsbury, Irvin, hand	327.50
Yeaton, Robert, hand	434.51
Yeaton, Robert, trucks	1,715.67
	$2,970.18

Plowing District # 2
Approximately 30 Miles

Anderson, Raymond, hand	$ 41.25
Andrews, William, hand	121.25
Bradeen, Paul, hand	75.00
Bunker, George, hand	25.00
Hutchins, Robert, hand	431.98
Hutchins, Robert, trucks	1,941.63
Lees, E. M. ,hand	8.75
Martel, Lester, hand	73.75
Mee, Mervin, hand	16.25
Mee, Perry, hand	16.25
Morris, Mark, hand	18.75
Treadwell, Malcolm, hand	20.00
Trimper, Ivan, hand	75.00
Winchell, David, hand	208.75
Winchell, John, hand	70.00
Winchell, John, trucks	136.30
Winchell, Mathew, hand	122.50
Winchell, Sam, hand	17.50
	$3,416.16

Sanding, District # 1

Town of Acton, Sander	$1,215.00
Allen, Ernest, Truck and Driver	450.00
Brazier, William, hand	5.00
Fall's Agway, Gas	318.52
Ford, Jerry, hand	15.00
Hutchins, Robert, hand	13.75
Hutchins, Robert, Truck	37.50
Hutchins, Robert, loader	159.00
Long, Dennis, hand	71.25
McInnis, Michael, hand	30.00
Muse, Kenneth, hand	32.50
Muse, Kenneth, loader	12.00
Muse, Kenneth, truck	58.50
Pillsbury, Carl	146.25
Pillsbury, Irvin	248.75
Ruggles, Paul, hand	32.50
Stanley Hardware	11.99
Winchell, John, hand	5.00
Winchell, John, loader	18.00
Yeaton, Robert, hand	307.14
Yeaton, Robert, truck	37.00
Yeaton, Robert, loader	4.50
Yeaton, Roger, hand	10.00
	$3,239.15

Sanding, District # 2

Acton, Town of, Sander	$ 122.00
Anderson, Raymond, hand	36.25

Andrews, William, hand	191.25
Hutchins, Robert, hand	365.52
Hutchins, Robert, Dozer	81.00
Hutchins, Robert, trucks	1,509.50
Hutchins, Robert, loader	212.00
Hutchins, Robert, gas	6.85
Hutchins, Robert, sander	66.00
Martell, Lester, hand	10.00
Morris, Mark, hand	11.25
Pillsbury, Carl, hand	10.00
Pillsbury, Irvin, hand	10.00
Winchell, Davis, hand	317.50
Winchell, Mathew, hand	87.50
Yeaton, Robert, hand	11.00
	$3,047.62

Stock Pile and Salt

Acton, Town of, D-6	$ 465.00
Fall's Agway	55.00
Goodwin, Ruth, sand	600.00
Granite State Minerals	579.21
Hutchins, Robert, hand	257.13
Hutchins, Robert, loader	686.75
Hutchins, Robert, trucks	711.00
Long, Dennis, hand	232.50
Pillsbury, Carl, hand	12.50
Pillsbury, Irvin, hand	12.50
State Chemical Mfg. Co.	402.70

Winchell, David, hand	127.50
Yeaton, Robert, hand	261.25
Yeaton, Robert, loader	76.50
Yeaton, Robert, truck	432.00
Yeaton, Roger, hand	47.50
	$4,959.04

Plow and Sander Repairs

Doyle's Body Shop	$120.00
Winchell, John	5.00
	$125.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Receipts	$6,000.00
Reimbursements	415.29
	$6,415.29
Expenditures	
District # 1	$3,243.92
District # 2	3,329.31
	$6,573.23
Overdraft 1-31-74	$ 157.94

District # 1

Goodwin, Randy, hand	$ 50.00
Hutchins, Barry, hand	12.50
Hutchins, Raymond, backhoe	45.00
Long, Dennis, hand	35.00
McInnis, Michael, hand	57.50
McInnis, Michael, saw	1.50
Mullins, Robert, hand	10.00
Mullins, Robert, saw	3.00
Pillsbury, Carl, dozer and hand	342.75
Pillsbury, Carl, saw	77.25
Pillsbury, Irvin, hand	128.75
State Chemical Mfg. Co.	392.31
Stanley, Hardware	13.63
Thwing, Stanley, hand	40.00
Warren Bros.	90.98
Wilson, James, hand	15.00
Wilson, James, bush saw	12.00
Wilson, James, truck-tractor	276.00
Yeaton, Robert, hand	640.75
Yeaton, Robert, truck	767.25
Yeaton, Robert, saw	90.00
Yeaton, Robert, grader	97.75
Yeaton, Roger, hand	45.00
	$3,253.35

District # 2

Beals, Lester, gravel	$ 65.70
Bodwell, Lovel	36.00
Bradeen, Paul, hand	21.25
Hutchins, Daryl, hand	13.75
Hutchins, Robert, dozer	389.50
Hutchins, Robert, hand	615.60
Hutchins, Robert, loader	231.75
Hutchins, Robert, truck	884.50
Hutchins, Raymond, backhoe	22.50
Hutchins, Raymond, hand	6.25
King, Guerdon, gravel	3.60
Lavelley, Albert, gravel	8.10
Long, Dennis, hand	30.00
Muse, George, truck	29.25
Pillsbury, Irvin, hand	32.50
Stevens, Daryl, hand	25.00
Stevens, Daryl, truck	40.50
Warren Bros.	310.06
Winchell, David, hand	252.50
Winchell, David, truck	99.00
Winchell, Mathew, hand	36.25
Yeaton, Robert, hand	70.25
Yeaton, Robert, grader	84.00
Yeaton, Robert, truck	22.50
	$3,329.31

Camp Roads

Receipts		
Appropriations	$5,000.00	
		$5,000.00
Expenditures		
District # 1	$3,368.47	
District # 2	1,713.52	
Overdraft 1-31-74		$ 81.99

District # 1

Bancroft & Martin	$ 175.70
Earl Fall's Agway	10.47
Emery Mills Hardware	29.97
Hutchins, Raymond, backhoe	36.00
Hutchins, Barry, hand	10.00
Long, Dennis, hand	100.00
McInnis, Michael, hand	30.00
Pillsbury, Carl, hand	291.25
Pillsbury, Irvin, hand	306.25
State Chemical Mfg. Co.	400.00
Stanley Hardware	12.67
Warren Bros.	88.41
Yeaton, Robert, grader	584.00
Yeaton, Robert, hand	555.50
Yeaton, Robert, loader	7.50
Yeaton, Robert, truck	690.75
Yeaton, Roger, hand	40.00
	$3,368.47

District # 2

Allis Chalmers, grader and gas	$ 15.48
Bodwell, Lovel, sand	77.40
Hutchins, Robert, dozer	112.00
Hutchins, Robert, hand	186.91
Hutchins, Robert, loader	160.00
Hutchins, Robert, truck	425.25
King, Guerdon, gravel	70.80
King, Guerdon, hand	13.75
Long, Dennis, hand	13.75
Learned, Robert, hand	5.00
Winchell, David, hand	157.50
Winchell, Mathew, hand	111.25
Warren Bros.	124.93
Yeaton, Robert, grader	152.00
Yeaton, Robert, hand	49.00
Yeaton, Robert, truck	24.75
Yeaton, Roger, hand	13.75
	$1,713.52

Town Road Improvement Fund

Receipts

Unexpended Balance from 1972	$ 4,393.93
Available from State, 1973-74	5,945.60
	$10,339.53

Expenditures

Horn Pond & Young's Ridge Rds.	$8,827.98	
		$8,827.98
Unexpended Balance 1-31-74		$1,511.55

Crosby Laskey, Foreman

Allen, Ernest, loader	$1,161.22
Allen, Ernest, truck	797.95
Bancroft & Martin, culverts	706.30
Beal, Peter, grader	132.84
Beal, Lawrence, D-7	1,084.50
Beal, Lawrence, D-7, leveling	670.56
Blaisdell, John, truck	326.65
Boyd, Burton, labor	128.52
Davies, Lawrence, truck	438.03
Foss, Amos, gravel	483.60
Genest, Concrete	554.76
Grant, Jerry, labor	119.34
Horn, Clinton, backhoe	79.74
Horn, Clinton, gravel	162.00
Pillsbury, Carl, labor	210.56
Pillsbury, Irvin, labor	20.16
Laskey, Crosby, Foreman	573.92
Laskey, Crosby, truck	51.50
Roberts, Arvid, truck	771.86
Sargent, Henry, labor	168.00
Yeaton, Robert, grader	76.09
	$8,827.98
Check from State 11-27-73	$8,827.98

Asphalt on TRIF Construction

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,500.00	
1973 Bal. Forward	751.99	
	$2,251.99	

Expenditures

Warren Bros. 10-30-73	$2,025.00	
Balance 1-31-74		$ 226.99

Asphalt on Town Roads

Appropriation	$5,000.00	
Warren Bros.	5,000.00	
		$5,000.00

Mowing Bushes

Receipts

Appropriations	$1,200.00	
		$1,200.00

Expenditures

District # 1	$ 298.86	
District # 2	644.00	
		$ 942.86
Balance, Jan 31, 1974		$ 257.14

District # 1

Emery Mills Hardware	$ 41.96
Hutchins, Raymond, hand and truck	117.00
Long, Dennis, hand	52.50
Pillsbury, Irvin, hand	17.50
Pillsbury, Irvin, truck	1.90
Yeaton, Robert, hand	60.50
Yeaton, Robert, saw	7.50
	$298.86

District # 2

Hutchins, Robert, hand	$280.00
Hutchins, Robert, tractor	259.00
Hutchins, Robert, truck	45.00
Hutchins, Robert, saw	41.25
Winchell, David, hand	18.75
	$644.00

Town Equipment Account

Receipts

Balance Forward	$2,500.00
From use of D-6	454.00
From use of Hopper Sander Equip.	1,434.93
	$4,388.93

Expenditures

Arnold Machinery	$ 61.46
John J. Baum	300.00
Doyle's Body Shop	851.97

Emery Hardware	18.11
Earl Fall's Agway	360.19
Hutchins, Robert, gas, diesel	25.44
Hutchins, Robert, hand	13.75
Hutchins, Robert, expense	20.00
Long, Dennis, hand	40.00
Mullins, Robert, expense	20.00
Pillsbury, Carl, hand	12.50
Pillsbury, Irvin, hand	40.00
Stanley Hardware	41.67
Trimper, Ivan, hauling	10.00
Winchell, David, starter fuel	23.69
Winchell, David, hand	37.50
Winchell, John, loader	34.50
Yeaton, Robert, hand	138.76
Yeaton, Robert, expense	20.00
	$2,085.71
Balance, January 31, 1974	$2,303.22

TOWN OF ACTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ending January 31, 1974

Local Sources

Appropriation	$ 116,672.80
Other Revenue	2.50
Total Local Sources	$ 116,675.30

State Sources

General Purpose Aid	$ 9,988.32
Handicapped Children	124.44
Total State Sources	$ 10,112.76

Non-Revenue Accounts

Balance	$ 220.20

TOTAL RECEIPTS - 1973	$ 127,008.26
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - 1973	$ 118,817.33
BALANCE	$ 8,190.93

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

February 11, 1974

To the School Committee and
Citizens of the Town:

This is my third report to you as Superintendent of Schools concerning the operation of the school program as required by law. It is my belief that the school has operated well during the year with some significant improvements enjoyed by the children. This relates primarily to two areas. The first is the employment of an assistant teacher who has worked with a small number of children on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. She has concentrated in helping these selected children improve their reading skills and overcome difficulties they were having in performing their regular schoolwork.

The second item relates to the adoption and purchase of a new series of books and materials in the social studies field. The new materials are designed to help children understand current-day social and political problems with a background of history, geography, commerce, and culture which is somewhat of a departure from the previous materials which tended to emphasize historical facts and events.

As noted in another report the school enrollment increase creates an additional burden in the teaching load carried by each of the four classroom teachers. With double grades in each room, scheduling of each subject for both grades as often as required becomes a difficult if each child is to have an opportunity to express himself and explore fully each curriculum area. It is hoped that the planning committee request at the annual town meeting will be acted upon favorably by the voters.

I wish to thank the School Committee, the Municipal Officers, the staff of the school, and the parents and citizens with whom I have worked this past year for the cooperation and support they have given the school and its program.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. VOSE
Superintendent of Schools

ACTON SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Secondary by Grades

Jan. 31	9	10	11	12	Total
1971	15	9	16	16	56
1972	17	14	11	12	54
1973	10	18	14	9	51
1974	13	10	11	11	45

ACTON SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Elementary by grades

Jan. 31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1967	10	10	6	16	7	8	15	16	88
1968	16	8	8	6	15	8	7	14	82
1969	12	13	10	10	7	15	11	7	85
1970	7	13	14	9	12	6	17	12	90
1971	10	7	13	15	10	13	7	16	91
1972	14	14	7	14	14	11	14	9	97
1973	11	14	13	8	16	14	13	12	101
1974	14	13	16	10	11	16	13	14	107

ACTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Teaching Staff 1973 - 74

Mr. Terry Brown	Principal and Grades 7 - 8
Mrs. Priscilla Goodwin	Grades 5 - 6
Mrs. Betty Hughs	Grades 3 - 4
Mrs. Martha Hastings	Grades 1 - 2
Mrs. Judith Brazier	Music
Mrs. Sue Weyland	Teacher Assistant

EXPENDITURES - 1973

100 Administration

Salaries for Administration	$ 3,040.16
Salaries for School Committee	250.00
Contracted Services for Administration	953.00
Travel for Administration	325.00
	$ 4,568.16

200 Instruction

Salaries for Teachers	$ 39,037.54
Salaries for Substitutes	730.00
Salaries for Handicapped Children	421.40
Textbooks	1,251.69

Library Books and Audio-Visual Materials	600.56	
Teaching Supplies	2,346.62	
Travel Expense - Conferences	0.00	
Reimbursement - Professional Credits	180.00	
Contracted Services - Handwriting	200.00	
		$ 44,767.81

300 - 400 Attendance and Health

Salaries for Attendance	$ 10.00	
Supplies for Health	10.99	
		$ 20.99

500 Pupil Transportation

Salaries for Pupil Transportation	$ 1,679.42	
Contracted Services, Elementary	4,550.00	
Contracted Services, Secondary	10,407.65	
Vehicle Insurance	211.00	
Supplies for Pupil Transportation	525.41	
Repairs to Buses	43.30	
Field Trips	269.80	
		$ 17,686.58

600 Operation of Plant

Salaries for Operations	$ 2,679.56	
Heat for Buildings	1,459.02	
Electricity and Telephone	1,324.64	
Custodial Supplies	712.66	
		$ 6,175.88

700 Maintenance of Plant

Contracted Services - Repair of Buildings	$ 184.10	
Contracted Services - Repair of Equipment	101.83	
Replacement of Instructional Equipment	0.00	
		$ 285.93

800 Fixed Charges

Property Insurance	$ 689.00	
Employee Health Insurance	315.82	
Reserve for Judgments	1,692.00	
		$ 2,696.82

900 Food Service

Salaries for Food Service	$ 3,323.53

1200 Capital Outlay

Equipment for Instruction	$ 737.45	
Equipment for Plant	615.00	
		$ 1,352.45

1400 Outgoing Transfer Account

Tuition to Vocational High School .	$ 13,535.43	
Tuition to High Schools	24,403.75	
		$ 37,939.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$118,817.33

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

The following account from Federal sources cannot be included in the regular school accounts and is recapitulated as follows:

ESEA TITLE II School Library Materials

Balance 2-1-73	$ 4.57	
Received from State	150.00	
Total available		$ 154.57
Expenditures		$ 147.16
Balance 1-31-74		$ 7.41

ACTON SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1973

CASH BALANCE - July 1,1972		$ 2,354.00
REVENUES:		
Meals	$ 4,477.62	
State of Maine Subsidies	2,929.47	
Miscellaneous	11.95	
TOTAL REVENUES		$ 7,419.04
TOTAL		$ 9,773.04
EXPENDITURES:		
Food	$ 6,361.20	
Miscellaneous	851.81	
Labor	64.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$ 7,277.01
CASH BALANCE - June 30, 1973		$ 2,946.03

Total number of lunches served to children	17,567
Number of free lunches included in above	3,876

REPORT OF STUDY OF FUTURE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

The Town voted at last year's annual meeting to seek a study and report of the need for additional school space. In December an evening was spent with the Selectmen, Members of the Planning Board, and interested citizens in a review of enrollments, of the program needs of the school, and of the provisions relating to school construction contained in the State's new finance law.

This report to the Town discharges the responsibility placed on the School Committee and indicates the general direction in which the town's school children can best be served. As reproduced elsewhere in this booklet, it should be noted that the school's enrollment has shown a steady, though not spectacular, increase during the past few years. With two grades per room and with some rooms with nearly 30 pupils in them, additional pupils will severely tax the ability of teachers to meet the needs of all students.

With the enrollment increase in mind the group then discussed the possibility of expanding the program offering. Mentioned for future consideration were such spaces in addition to classrooms as an all-purpose room with a stage, special area rooms for the departmentalized upper grades program, a room for a kindergarten program, a room for a school library, space for special education, and such auxilary spaces as a health room, and an expanded kitchen area.

Under the new school finance law to become effective on July 1, 1974, the State will, in effect, reimburse the Town for the total cost of new school construction. This means that if a project is approved by the State and voted by the Town, interest and principal payments will be included in the allocation for education over and above the per pupil allocation.

The Committee decided at the close of the meeting to seek approval from the Town to appoint a planning committee to develop a proposal for a school addition. An article has been entered in the warrant for the 1974 Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS. S. VOSE
Superintendent of Schools

ACTON HEALTH COUNCIL REPORT FOR 1973

The Health Council met at various homes nine times this year to plan the many things we have done.

Hearing tests on all the children in school were done, a few needing further attention.

With the help of Dr. David Bartlett, Mrs. Carol Benvie, R.N. completed the eye tests at the school. Many of the children were referred to their own optometrists for further re-check.

Physicals and immunizations were completed in October. We were pleased with the many pre-schoolers who attended the immunization clinic.

At the diabetic clinic in November we did 138 tests. All very happily had negative results.

A dental cleaning and floride treatment was done by Dr. Robert Lincourt on 19 children in December. Grades 1 and 5 had almost 100 per cent participation.

The glaucoma clinic that was held in the spring with Dr. Bartlett giving the test resulted in only 25 people taking part. Sorry more people in town didn't take advantage of this free test.

Again a big thank-you to Mrs. Carol Benvie, R.N. and the many people who have volunteered to help on these clinics.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Mee,
Secretary

ACTON HEALTH COUNCIL

Receipts

Balance Forwarded January 1, 1973 . .	$ 129.09	
Town Appropriation	500.00	
Total Receipts		$629.09

Expenditures

Dr. Robert Lincourt	$ 560.00	
Dr. David Bartlett	15.00	
Dr. Marion K. Moulton	50.00	
Total Expenditures		$ 625.09
Balance January 31, 1974		$ 4.09

HEALTH COUNCIL LOAN CLOSET ITEMS

These sickroom items are available for loan to residents of the towns of Acton and Milton Mills.

1 - Hospital Bed
1 - Mens Urinal
3 - Bedpans
1 - Overbed Directional Tray
2 - Lap Tables
1 - Heat Lamp

8 - Cloth Slings
1 - Sponge Bath Tray
1 - Mouthwash Tray
1 - Square Foam Pad with Washable Fur Cover
1 set - Heel or Elbow Protectors
1 - Plastic Enema Bucket
4 pair - Crutches (all sizes)
1 - Ice Bag
1 - Rubber Inflated Invalid Cushion
1 - Glass Nebulizer for Aerosol Therapy
1 - Emergency Oxygen Inhalant
2 - Magnifying Sheets
2 - Plastic Backed Pads
4 - Thermometers
1 - Plain Walker
1 - Walker with Seat and Crutches attached

Booklets - Home Care Book
Living with Asthma, Chronic Bronchitis and emphysema

If you are in need of any of the above things, please call **Mrs. Bailey Roberts** at **477-2683**.

We are always in need of other sickroom items. So, if you have anything in this line you no longer need, call the above number and have it added to our list of available items.

SUPPORT OF THE POOR

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 500.00	
Balance Forward	697.25	
Total		$ 1197.25

Expenditures

Case No. 1	$ 584.97	
Case No. 2	595.00	
Case No. 2 Drugs	5.65	
Case No. 3	$ 39.94	
		$ 1225.56
Overdrawn Jan. 31, 1974		$ 28.32

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	$ 510.72	
		$ 510.72
Paid Central Maine Power Co.	$ 221.69	
Paid Public Service Co. of N.H.	312.40	
		$ 534.09
Overdrawn Jan.31, 1974		$ 23.37

FLAGS ON GRAVES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

Appropriation	$ 40.00	
		$ 40.00
Paid Paul G. Gerrish for Flags and Distribution	$ 40.00	
		$ 40.00

ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriations	$ 300.00	
		$ 300.00
Paid Marcia E. Mee, Treasurer	$ 300.00	
		$ 300.00

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN
ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

To Whom It May Concern:

The Acton Public Library has had a good year. In these days when we read of so many libraries reporting a drop in their circulations, we can report an increase in ours, and high interest among our users.

We have many fine books on our shelves and can offer much to anyone wishing to use our facilities. We have had many excellent books donated by interested persons. We had an unusually excellent selection of

books to choose from when we purchased the new books. Ninety books were purchased, including fiction, non-fiction and children's books. We have also subscribed to National Geographic Magazine.

We are on our fourth year of the Bookmobile service. This has been so much appreciated by our library users. The Bookmobile visits us every three months at no charge.

During the summer our building was painted on the outside and the roof was repaired. Plans have been made for painting the interior, changes in the lighting and several other minor items. Money was voted for this last year from the Revenue Sharing Funds.

In November we hope to observe Children's Book Week with the children of the Acton Elementary School participating in an Art Contest depicting some phase of book or library interest. This is always enjoyed by the children and adults. We did not hold it last year as it was thought the library interior might be in the midst of the painting project. This year we hope, with our interior newly decorated, we will be able to combine the Contest with an Open House.

The Children of the Primary Room, Grades 1 and 2, with their teachers and chaperones, enjoyed a field trip to the library one morning. They were thrilled with the books, having a chance to handle them and look them over, also listening to stories read by the librarian.

A branch library was placed in each room at the Acton Elementary School again this year. This provides for extra reading and especially book reports.

I feel mention should be made of a young man, Eric Cook of Durham, N. H., a Junior- High Student and one of our summer residents at Wilson Pond. Eric is an avid reader and interested in library work. He volunteered to help at the library and for the past two summers has been there each week. He was very efficient, competent, polite and friendly and well liked by all. He was of great assistance to me.

In closing, let me urge you all to use your library. I believe you will be well rewarded.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy G. Dunnells

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Balance on hand 2/1/73		
Bank	$ 192.31	
Cash	9.75	
		$ 202.06
Receipts:		
Received from Town Appropriation	$ 300.00	
Interest - Savings Account	11.26	
		$ 311.26
		$ 513.32

Disbursements:

Loring, Short & Harmon for Books (1/29/74) (Total for books $300.28 less $.28 donated)	$ 300.00
Balance on Hand 2/1/74 (Bank $203.57) (Cash 9.75)	$ 213.32

Respectfully submitted,

MARCIA E. MEE
Treasurer of the Library

February 9, 1974

After careful examination of the record of the Treasurer of the Acton Public Library, I believe them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE R. HURD
Auditor for the Library

Town Planning Board

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 50.00
1972 Balance Forward	71.58
	$121.58
	8.85
	$130.43

Expenditures

Mullins, Evelyn, Reimbursement	$ 4.95	
Rochester Courier, ad	7.00	
Sanford, Tribune	71.72	
S.M.R.P.C.	18.49	
State of Maine	63.85	
		$166.01
Overdrawn, January 31, 1974		$ 35.58

Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission

Appropriation	$250.25
Pd. S.M.R.P.C.	$250.25

4-H Club Prizes

Appropriation	$100.00	
		$100.00
Paid to Mrs. Dorothy Dunnells	$ 50.00	
Paid to Mrs. Olive Treadwell	50.00	
		$100.00

State Tax

Assessed	$235,950.00
Deducted by law	$235,950.00

County Tax

Assessed	$7,007.00
Paid to County Treasurer	$7,007.00

Perambulating Line Between Acton and Shapleigh

Balance forwarded, January 31, 1973	$200.00
Paid, January 29, 1974	$200.00

To the Citizens and Voters of the Town of Acton:

That we, George W. Mee of said Acton and Randall Bicknell of Shapleigh wish to report that the town line between the two said towns has been duly and properly preambled.

Twelve (12) corner markers have been located, bushed out around and marked with paint, as well as marking some trees nearby. The lines with the greatest doubt have been rerun, rebushed and the survey marks on the trees recut.

Respectfully submitted,
George Mee
Town of Acton Representative

Fire Department

Receipts

1972 Balance Forward	$ 382.97	
1973 Appropriation	2,500.00	
		$2,882.97
Expenditures	$2,584.34	
		$2,584.34
Balance, January 31, 1974		$ 298.63

Agway Petroleum	$ 102.25
Bartlett, David, Reimbursement	16.50
Blanchard Associates	254.72
Central Maine Power Co.	152.25
Concord Group Ins. Co.	423.75
Dunnells, Ralph, Reimbursement	57.45
Dubois, Don, Insurance	29.90
Emery Mills Hardware	1.60
Farrar Ins Co.	193.60
Gemelli, Frank, Reimbursement	16.50
Gerrish, David, Reimbursement	7.82
Gerrish, Paul, Reimbursement	25.00
Gerrish, Paul, Salary	100.00
Griffin's Garage	71.89
Gregory Electronics	143.00
Lovejoy Orchards, gas	95.60
Metcalf, Charles E.	138.80
Milton Mills Fire District	210.00

Pelletier & Levesque	281.94
Plamondon's Garage	6.00
Springvale Auto Parts	44.13
Springvale Hardware	65.29
Tarring Fire Yard, balance	35.00
Stone Garage	35.00
State of Maine	43.35
Penny, Thomas	8.00
West Buxton Fire Dept.	25.00
	$2,584.34

Fire Equipment Account

Appropriation	$500.00
Donation	20.00
	$520.00
Expenditures	$161.59
Balance, January 31, 1974	$358.41

Tarring Fire Station Yard

Appropriation	$125.00
From Fire Dept. Acct.	35.00
	$160.00
Expenditures	$160.00

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

First, I would like to thank each and everyone who has helped the department in any way this past year. Many things were accomplished in building up the department. Eight coats, eight pair of boots, ten pair waterproof gloves and more helmets were purchased. Two Scott air pack breathing apparatus were purchased from the firemens fund with the help of a gift from a ladies group on the south end of town. A course was given on this apparatus and 11 members are certified to use them. Also Robin Ham took the course and has a certificate although he is not old enough to belong to the department. Two more plectrons are expected to be delivered in the very near future making a total of 9. A radio has been purchased and installed in the No. 2 truck. Also a 1000 gallon tank was purchased for $150 and has replaced a 500 gallon tank on No. 2.

A Ten wheel truck was secured from the government through the Civil Defense, thanks to Mr. Steve Reando. The cost of this was $4.15 for tolls and 15 gallons of gas for the truck going after it, and the time of David Gerrish, Paul Gerrish and Francis Gemelli. A 60 watt radio has been purchased and installed. A 1000 gallon tank has been welded by Mr. Gemelli and has been placed on the truck along with a Ford motor and a 500 gallon pump and should be ready to go by March 1, although it may not be totally finished and painted.

We were very fortunate in the loss of property this year. We lost Mr. Braggs barn, a total loss. Very

slight damage to a camp on Loon Pond, about $400 damage to the Reddinger camp at Great East and light damage to the Blanchard camp at Great East. We had several very close calls arriving on the scene just in the nick of time. Some 40 calls were answered all together for one thing or another.

You will be hearing much about a central dispatch center in the near future. A corporation has been formed with Chief Richard Goodwin of Shapleigh as President. This will mean one fire number for several towns, mutual aid for those towns in the corperation, with all calls on tape. It is hoped to have this in operation by early 1975 or July 1975 at the latest.

With the heavy equipment we now have it was felt by the firemen that another coat of tar should be applied to the yard in 1974.

Please secure permits before burning unless there is snow on the ground where you are burning. These should be secured in person on the day of the burning. Telephone 324-6977 or 636-1366 after April 20.

Please be careful with those wood stoves and do not put funnels out through the wall without protection. The fire you cause may be your loss.

Let's have a fire free 1974. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul G. Gerrish
Chief

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Your Conservation Commission is now one year old, and as yet there are no visible results of activities; however, this does not mean that nothing has been accomplished.

Regular meetings are not scheduled, but are called when there is work to do on problems to be reviewed or investigated.

As reported last year the commission has no power, and is strictly an advisory body, ready and willing to help Town Officials, protect, develop or maintain our natural resources.

Your Chairman and various members of the commission have attended meetings in Lebanon and Alfred on problems that have potential effects on our Town.

An Application was made to the Ford Foundation for a grant of $750.00 to be expended on Title Search, Survey and boundry markers for our Town Forest and as many of our matured Tax Liens lots as these funds would permit. I am happy to report that our request was granted, and work on the Title Search has started.

T. N. Ferren, Chairman

Report From the Acton Police Department
September 25th, 1973 through February 10th, 1974

In September 1973 the Acton Police Department was formulated to protect and secure the Balch Dam from vandalism and the prospects of someone getting hurt around this dam. From September 1973 thru February 1974 the following report is being brought to residents of Acton, to evaluate the need for the Police Department.

House Breaks	10
Camp Breaks	19
Dog Complaints	3
Arrests	2
Complaints Checked	10
Camps Checked	80
Stop Sign Violations	8
Lights out on cars	22
Suspicious veh.	13
Messages Delivered	3
Stolen TV Returned	1
Possible Camp Arson	1
Roads needing sand	3

Eight weeks of schooling at Westbrook was attended by Chief of Police and his temporary assistant. This entailed 6 hours weekly plus a monthly class of two hours at Sanford Police Department. Due to the fact that there was no money appropriated last March at Town Meeting this schooling and hours were given freely by these men. Two nights a week when the Sheriff's Department had no patrol in Acton these

men helped to give Acton the security it needed. The following report on expenses, with the consent of the town's lawyer, using Miscellaneous Account is as follows:

Uniform for Chief of Police . . .	$139.60
Gas for Chief, 9 cents per mile . . .	54.00
	$193.60

The uniform for the Assistant was paid for by his family as a Christmas present to him. There were no costs to the town on anything attached to the assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Gemelli
Chief of Police, Acton, Maine

MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Appropriations	$ 230.01
Paid M. M. A.	$ 230.01

Miscellaneous Accounts

Receipts	$12,563.80	
		$12,563.80
Expenditures		
Transfer to Snow Removal	$3,600.00	
Transfer to Equipment Acct.	2,500.00	
		6,100.00
		$ 6,463.80

Miscellaneous Account

Receipts		$ 6,463.80
Appeals Ads	$ 36.40	
Building Permits	119.00	
Gas Refund	67.06	
Mullins, Evelyn, Reimbursement	35.00	
Refund of Premium, Ins.	205.00	
Snowmobile Refund	402.00	
State of Maine, Revenue Sharing	1,826.64	
	$ 2,691.10	
Excise Taxes - 1973	$10,267.76	
Excise Taxes - 1974	6,657.55	
Lein Charges - 1971	87.99	
Lien Charges - 1972	121.99	
Overlay	2,444.39	
		$19,606.59
		$26,070.39

Miscellaneous Expenditures
Town Officers' Salaries

George, Mee, Moderator	$ 11.00
Robert E. Foley, Selectman and Chairman	1,000.00
Evelyn E. Mullins, Selectman	1,000.00
John L. Hobbs, Selectman	1,000.00
Paul G. Gerrish, Treasurer	1,178.78
Rena J. Andrews, Tax Collector	2,984.47
Rena J. Andrews, Town Clerk	165.00
Rena J. Andrews, Health Officer	16.00
Rena J. Andrews, Registrar	27.50
Louis A. Young, Constable	35.00
George F. Lowd, Sealer of Weights and Measures	5.50
	$7,423.25

Other Expenditures

Allen, Bob, Carpenter	$ 22.00
Andrews, Rena, Reimbursement	153.90
Batchelder Bros. Ins.	982.00
Burpee Signs	42.00
Ben's Uniforms, Inc.	139.60
Balch Dam Deed	1.00
Cash Abatement, Excise Tax	209.70
Central Maine Power Co.	88.23
Crummett, Clayton, Book Binding	24.00
Concord Gen. Mut. Ins.	82.00

Deschambault, Phyllis, Reg. of Deeds		32.00
Dubois Insurance		116.00
Down Maine House		436.03
Doyle & Fuller Lawyers		100.00
Election Clerks		207.50
Earl Fall's Agway		93.60
Grants Dept. Store		7.50
Gemelli, Frank, Mileage		54.00
Gemelli, Frank, Reimbursement		7.50
Hutchins Bros. Printing		24.35
Lincoln Press		117.00
Mapes Oil		55.37
Marks Printing Co.		212.26
Mullins, Evelyn, Mileage, postage		57.00
Office Supplies		146.68
Sanford Tribune		129.15
Secretary, part time		
Debbie Smith	341.25	
Evelyn E. Mullins	858.75	1,200.00
Social Security		1,445.57
Stanley Hardware		3.19
State Audit		560.00
Texgas Corp.		15.43
Transfers, Charlot Lake		312.00
Trips out of Town		93.80
Williams & Ferguson, Attys.		248.00
Wilson, Jim		40.00
Wilson's Printers		895.43
Yeaton, Robert, Dump Road		243.00
York County Comm. Action		478.50
York County Fire Chief's Assn.		51.00
		$9,126.29

Dump
Expenditures - Maintenance

Earl Fall's Agway	$ 25.00
Ham, Leon, hand	20.00
Ham, Richard E.,Hand	22.50
Ham, Richard L., hand	17.50
Hutchins, Robert, hand	11.00
Hutchins, Robert, dozer	94.50
McInnis, Michael, hand	20.00
Pillsbury, Carl, hand & dozer	85.00
Pillsbury, Irvin, hand & dozer	1,036.00
Shepard, Gertrude, hand	15.00
Trimper, Ivan	60.00
Trimper, Ivan, T-D 9	70.00
Trimper, Ivan, T-D 15	80.00
Trimper, Ivan, loader	56.25
Trimper, Ivan, trucks	56.25
Winchell, David, hand	12.50
Yeaton, Lorraine, hand	25.00
Yeaton, Robert, hand	291.51
Yeaton, Robert, loader	116.13
Yeaton, Robert, truck	171.00
	$2,300.89

Expenditures - Dump Fires

Bartlett, Craig	$ 15.00
Bartlett, David	10.00
Brazier, William	3.75
Dunnells, Ralph	71.25
Gemelli, Frank	5.00

Gerrish, David	50.00
Gerrish, Paul	82.50
Ham, R. E.	15.00
Ham, R. L.	15.00
Ham, Robin	12.50
Hurst, Robert	7.50
McInnis, Michael	20.00
Mullins, Robert	52.50
Pillsbury, Carl	12.50
Pillsbury, Irvin	12.50
Smith, Peter	10.00
Stadler, Robert	2.50
Thwing, Stanley	2.50
Vebsky, George	26.00
Wells, M.	10.00
Wylie, George	67.50
Yeaton, Robert	5.00
	$508.50

Report of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

Assets

Cash	$35,195.23
Unpaid Real Estate Taxes, 1973	7,508.40
Balance due on Liens	1,090.76
Matured Liens	110.80
Cemetery Funds	1,847.86
	$45,753.05

Liabilities

Net Balances Carried Fwd.	$19,578.32
Cemetery Trust Funds	1,847.86

Changes in Surplus

Increase:		
1972 Collector's Interest	$ 204.02	
1973 Collector's Interest	447.58	
1972 Supplemental Taxes	80.40	
1973 Supplemental Taxes	617.40	
Total Increase		$1,349.40
Decrease:		
Abatements —		
1970 Poll	$ 3.00	
1972 Polls	12.00	
1973 Real Estate	376.11	
1973 Real Estate, refund	112.14	
Total Decrease	$ 503.25	
Net Increase	$ 846.15	
Surplus, 1-31-73		$11,346.77

Accounts Lapsed

	Overdraft	Balance
Camp Roads	$ 81.99	
Mowing Bushes		257.01
Street Lights	23.37	
Appeals Board		68.22
Town Equipment Acct		2,303.22
	105.36	$2,628.45

Net Lapsed $2,523.09

Accounts Carried Forward

	Overdraft	Balance
Snow Removal		$9,697.30
Highways and Bridges	157.94	
Asphalt on TRIF		226.99
State Aid Road Construct.		2,666.00
Support of Schools		8,190.93
Support of Schools, Title II		7.41
Support of Poor	28.32	
Fire Protection		298.63
Town Planning Board	35.58	
Miscellaneous Acct.	1,305.64	
Plumbing Acct.		20.54
	$1,527.48	$21,105.80

Net Balance Forward $19,578.32

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. FOLEY
JOHN L. HOBBS
EVELYN E. MULLINS

Selectmen and Assessors
of the Town of Acton

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT

Augusta, Maine

June 29, 1973

Board of Selectmen
Acton,
Maine

In accordance with Title 30, Section 5253, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated of 1964, as amended, an audit has been conducted of the financial records of the Town of Acton for the fiscal year ended January 31, 1973.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report, present fairly the financial position of the Town of Acton at January 31, 1973, and the results of its operations for the period indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. RIDEOUT, JR.
State Auditor

COMMENTS

DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

The fiscal year's operations showed that a net unexpended departmental balance of $652.80 was lapsed to surplus, per the following summary:

Departmental Accounts:	
Unexpended Balances	$918.84
Overdrafts	266.04
Net Unexpended Balance	$652.80

Supplemental taxes and unexpended balances in the cutting bushes and interest account less tax abatements and an overdraft in the equipment account were the major factors contributing to the net unexpended departmental balance lapsed.

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The following comments pertain to the accompanyingfinancial statements:

ASSETS. . . .The general cash balance was $16,420.22 at the year end. The bank balance used in reconciling the cash balance was confirmed by the depository. The sum of $14,993.00, in the Springvale National Bank, Springvale, Maine, represents Federal Revenue Sharing funds received in the current year.

Taxes receivable of $7,439.03 represented current year accounts of $7,430.03 and the remaining balance of $9.00 was for accounts dating from 1970.

Tax liens and tax acquired property amounted to $359.04 and $118.71 respectively.

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS. . . .Unexpended departmental account balances of $17,132.94 are carried forward to the ensuing year in accordance with voter authority and/or customary practice.

The unappropriated surplus amounted to $10,808.56, an increase of $188.34 for the year. This change was occasioned principally by the net unexpended departmental balances lapsed less tax abatements of prior years.

TRUST FUNDS. . . .The trust fund principals totaled $900.00 and unexpended income was $897.74 at the fiscal year end. These funds were invested in time deposits at the Granite State Savings Bank, Somersworth, New Hampshire.

GENERAL

The use of excise tax revenue and overlay for miscellaneous account expenditures was voter authorized at the annual town meeting.

TOWN OF ACTON — STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS — Fiscal Year Ended JANUARY 31, 1973

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total Avail.	Expenditures	— BALANCES — Lapsed	Carried
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Miscellaneous	$	$31,544.70	$ 31,544.70	$ 19,540.91	$	$12,003.79
Salaries		7,363.51	7,363.51	7,363.51		
PROTECTION						
Fire Protection	2,000.00	583.22	2,583.22	2,200.25		382.97
Fire Station Yard — Tarring		300.00	300.00	300.00		
Street Lights	527.00		527.00	484.88	42.12	
Fire Equipment	500.00		500.00	500.00		
HEALTH AND SANITATION						
Public Health Nurse	100.00		100.00	100.00		
Town Dump		1,651.25	1,651.25	1,651.25		
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES						
Snow Removal	23,000.00	7,006.81	30,006.81	33,611.31		(3,604.50)
Roads and Bridges	4,000.00	361.57	4,361.57	4,275.58		85.99
Camp Roads	5,000.00	194.50	5,194.50	5,168.00	26.50	
Tarring — Town Roads	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		
— T.R.I.F.	1,500.00	688.10	2,188.10	1,436.11		751.99
State Aid Road Construction	2,666.00		2,666.00			2,666.00
Cutting Bushes	1,200.00		1,200.00	845.38	354.62	
Town Equipment		892.12	892.12	1,028.56	(136.44)	
George Mann Road		401.39	401.39	401.39		
Captain Abbott Road	1,500.00	720.00	2,220.00	2,171.40		48.60
Town Road Improvement Fund		8,190.23	8,190.23			
EDUCATION						
Common Schools	114,566.08	12,685.13	127,251.21	127,031.01		220.20
Title II		156.10	156.10	151.53		4.57
WELFARE						
Support of Poor	1,000.00	590.94	1,590.94	893.69		697.25

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total Avail.	Expenditures	– BALANCES – Lapsed	Carried
LIBRARY						
Acton Public Library. . . .	200.00		200.00	200.00		
INDEBTEDNESS						
School Interest and Note . .	4,861.88		4,861.88	4,861.81	.07	
Interest - General		679.06	679.06	303.08	375.98	
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS						
County Tax	8,643.00		8,643.00	8,643.00		
Overlay	6,859.07		6,859.07	6,859.07		
UNCLASSIFIED						
Southern Maine Regional Planning	268.00		268.00	262.00	6.00	
Municipal Planning		160.83	160.83	89.25		71.58
Perambulating Town Lines . .		200.00	200.00			200.00
Flags for graves	35.00		35.00	35.00		
4-H Club Prizes	100.00		100.00	100.00		
Supplemental Taxes		103.55	103.55		103.55	
Tax Abatements				129.60	(129.60)	
Maine Municipal Association .	209.10		209.10	209.10		
Appeals Board	30.00		30.00	20.00	10.00	
TOTAL	$183,765.13	$74,473.01	$258,238.14	$244,056.90	$652.80	$13,528.44

EXHIBIT D

TOWN OF ACTON — COMPARITIVE BALANCE SHEET — EXHIBIT A

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS	Jan. 31, 1973	Jan. 31, 1972
Cash on Hand and in Bank	$31,413.22	$12,517.23
Taxes Receivable	7,439.03	7,800.90
Tax Liens	359.04	261.63
Tax Acquired Property . .	118.71	122.28
Deferred Appropriation . Snow Removal	3,604.50	5,995.32
TOTAL	$42,934.50	$26,697.36

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS	Jan. 31, 1973	Jan. 31, 1972
Reserves:		
Departmental Balances Carried (Exhibit D)	$17,132.94	$16,077.14
Federal Revenue Sharing	14,993.00	
Surplus:		
Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	10,808.56	10,620.22
TOTAL	$42,934.50	$26,697.36

DEBT FUND

ASSETS		
Amount Necessary to Retire Debt From Future Revenue		$ 4,663.37

LIABILITIES		
Notes Payable		$ 4,663.67

TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS	Jan. 31, 1973	Jan. 31, 1972
Time Deposits	$ 1,797.74	$ 1,709.87
TOTAL	$ 1,797.74	$ 1,709.87

LIABILITIES	Jan. 31, 1973	Jan. 31, 1972
Cemetery Perpetual Care:		
Principals	$ 900.00	$ 900.00
Unexpended Income . . .	897.74	809.87
	$ 1,797.74	$ 1,709.87

WARRANT
STATE OF MAINE

York, §

TO
LOUIS A. YOUNG

A Constable in the Town of Acton in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Acton, qualified by law, to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said Acton on Saturday, the Ninth day of March A.D. 1974 at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articals to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect by secret ballot: One Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for three years, One Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for one year, Town Clerk for one year, Tax Collector for one year, Treasurer for one year, One member of the School Board for three years and a Constable for one year.

The polls for the election of officers will be open for four (4) hours immediately after the election of the Moderator. Action on the remaining articles will start at one (1) P.M.

Article 3. To choose up to three members of the Finance Committee for a two-year period.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to pay to all of the Town Officers the same salary and compensation as paid in the previous year 1973, including the part time secretary whose yearly salary is not to exceed $1,800.00 - with the provision that the Selectmen may assume both jobs if he so desires. Salary of the Constable shall be $100.00.

Article 5. To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay the Road Commissioners, labor on Public Ways, trucks and hired equipment.

Finance Committee recommends:

Road Commissioners	*$3.25 Per Hour*
Labor and Truck Drivers	*2.75 Per Hour*
Trucks, Sanding, Salt & Main.	
Present State Rates plus	*1.50 Per Hour*
Trucks, Snow Powing,	
Present State Rates plus	*3.00 Per Hour*
with Town furnishing cutting edges and bolts	
Loaders, 25 cents per yard loading trucks at stock piles; otherwise at State summer rates	
Sanders, hopper type	*3.00 Per Hour*
Sanders, tailgate	*2.50 Per Hour*
Various other equipment to be at State rates	

Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow Removal for the ensuing year.

Finance committee recommends $15,000.00 plus Balance.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repair of Highways and Bridges for the ensuing year.

Finance Committee recommends $7,500.00

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to assist in the repair of Camp Roads for the ensuing year.

Finance Committee recommends $5,000.00

Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for asphalt on T.R.I.F. Construction for the ensuing year.

Finance Committee recommends $6,000.00

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Sealer on Town Roads for the ensuing year.

Finance Committee recommends $1,500.00

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following conclusions of the Special Road Committee established by Article No. 18 of the March 1972 Town Meeting.

This article is presented to the Town Meeting Members without intent to cause hardship or discrimination on any person or persons, but it is intended as a general guide or basis for acceptance or refusal of any request for summer or winter work on sub-standard camp roads - certainly no one should expect the town to build roads to private camps.

Many of our roads have become improved Indian Paths and certainly quite inadequate but the state Highway Department has spent considerable money and effort rectifying these saluations and are continuing to do so, but the towns have been empounding their problems, through lack of knowledge, and lack of planning by allowing to be built or building themselves roads that are inadequate to carry the traffic of today, to say nothing of tomorrow.

(1) Standards for Town Roads.

Not much can be done about the conditions of the present Town Roads but in the future,

All roads under consideration as a Town Road shall meet the following criteria:

(a) Easement width 50 ft.
(b) Surface width 24 ft.
(c) Tar Top 20 ft.
(d) The way shall be fully described with bounds and measurements.
(e) With not less than 2 inches of suitable bank run gravel by State Highway specifications.

(2) Standard for Camp Roads - where requests have been made for winter work,

(a) Roads shall comply with the above standards for Town Roads.

(1) If road base meets the required specifications, the Town could be petitioned to help on tarring on a 50/50 basis.

(2) After road has met all specifications an artical could be inserted in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to have the road accepted by the Town, as a Town Road.

(3) Unaccepted Roads that are now being plowed and are not up to Town Road Standards,

(a) The plowing of these roads shall be continued but:

(1) A concerted effort, by those affected, should be started to bring these roads to acceptable standards, by,

(a) Getting 30 ft. easements.

(b) Removing such trees, stumps and other obstructions that affect the Plowing Equipment.

(c) Building base of road so that it is fit for Tarring.

(d) If after two years, a reasonable attempt has been made to do the above but it is not completed then the Town could be petitioned to extend the plowing until such time as road can be finished.

(e) When, except for Tarring, the road has been brought up to the above standards a petition could be presented to the Annual Town Meeting asking for help on Tarring on a 50/50 basis.

(f) When road meets all the standards an article could be inserted in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to have the road acceptedby the Town as a Town Road.

(4) General

(a) The amount of work to be done on Camp Roads to be at the discretion of the Road Commissioners and/or Municipal Officers.

(b) All dead end roads shall have a turn-around of 50 ft. radius adequate for snow plowing equipment.

(c) There shall be no parking at turn-arounds.

(d) Any new requests for snow plowing will not be considered unless roads meet Town Road Standards.

(5) This Article shall supercede all previous articles in the past years relative to these matters.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the road known as Eastern Shore Drive as it now exists and which is divided as follows:

Beginning on the westerly side of Route 109 and running in a generally westerly direction a distance of .2 mile to the beginning of the land known as Loon Pond Beaches, this being a way with 50 ft. easements.

Beginning at the north-easterly end of property known as Loon Pond Beaches and running in a generally south-westerly direction a distance of .5 mile, this being a way with 30 ft. easements.

Beginning at the point of beginning of the development known as Goodwin Beach and running to the easterly corner of the back lot of Richard Skillins, a distance of .2 mile, this being a way with 50 ft. easements.

And that there shall be a turn-around with a 50 ft. radius.

Requested by petition of 22 registered voters of Acton.

Finance Committee recommends that this be accepted.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Fred Wood Road, so-called, located on the south shore of Wilson Pond, as a Town Road, said road being approximately one-tenth of a mile in length, this being a way with 30 ft. easement, with a turn-around with a 50 ft. radius.

Finance Committee recommends that this be accepted.

Article 14. To see if the town will accept the Colby Ricker Road, so-called, on the west side of Square Pond, as a Town Road. This road is a 50 ft. road and turn-around and was tarred last year.

Finance Committee recommends that this road be Accepted with the provision that the 50 ft. radius for turn-around is provided.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the road known as Tattle St. Road, a road commencing at the Shapleigh Town Line and thence running generally northwesterly to a point one-tenth of a mile northwesterly of a junction of said road and the old portion of Tattle Street, leading from camp road in a westerly direction to the South Acton Road, said

point of ending opposite the beginning of 34th St., so-called, on Lower Mousam Lake. Said total distance being approximately five-tenths of a mile. This being a way of 30 ft. easement; however, negotiations for additional width of said road are being implemented at the time of this request.

Finance Committee recommends that this road be brought up to standards provided in Article 11.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the ordinance which is known as Acton Zoning Ordinance, which is incorporated in this warrant by reference, a copy being posted herewith and 3 copies having been placed on file in the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

Acton Planning Board recommends that this be adopted.

Finance Committee makes no recommendation.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to build and appropriate the necessary funds for an addition to the Town Hall side of the Fire Station - to be used as offices for the Fire Department, Selectmen, Planning Board, Appeals Board and any other Town Departments as deemed necessary.

This will also house the Boiler Room for the whole building and will also have public toilet facilities which by State Law will become necessary.

It is proposed to finance this with Federal Revenue Sharing Money.

The estimated cost is $5,000.00

Acton Planning Board recommends that this be done.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable.

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expenses of the Planning Board.

Travel Expenses	$150.00
Secretarial help	500.00
Total	$650.00

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover those expenses of the Code Enforcement Officer which are in excess of the fees collected on Plumbing and Building Permits.

His hourly rate of pay will be $3.25 per hour and a car milage rate of 12 cents per mile. This amount to be paid from the Plumbing and Building Permit Fee Account.

The Planning Board recommends $2,000.00. This amount to be financed from Federal Revenue Sharing.

Article 20. To see if the Town will accept the recommended changes in the "Planning Board Standards for Reviewing Land Subdivision". These changes were accepted by the York County Regional Planning Commission on Nov. 27th, 1973.

The Planning Board recommends that these changes be accepted.

Finance Committee recommends that this be accepted as read.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Permanent Road Committee - The function of this committee would be to act in an advisory capacity to the Municipal Officers.

This committee to consist of 5 members with two year appointments.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following program to bring all existing seasonal and year round dwellings in Acton into compliance with State Sewage Disposal Standards within five (5) years:

1. Each owner will determine the type and size of his septic system either by affidavits from the installers or if necessary, doing it the hard way by spot digging holes, tracing sewage and soilpipes, leaching fields, etc.

2. The information obtained will be referred to the plumbing inspector within the first year of this program.

3. The plumbing inspector will review this information; making on-site inspections when he deems necessary, and determine whether or not each system complies with State Standards.

4. When a sewage system is found below par, the owners, with the advice and guidance of the plumbing inspector, will determine the most practical and economical way to bring each system up to standards as soon as possible but no later than Labor Day 1979. Any system found to present a particularly dangerous and hazardous threat to the health of the Community will have to take immediate corrective action.

5. The plumbing inspector is authorized to exercise discretion in those instances where lot size and soil types make strict compliance impossible, bearing in mind that pollution must be minimized.

This article is submitted in response to the recommendations contained in each of the several testing programs recently conducted on Acton lakes. Each of these surveys has concluded that inadequate sewage disposal into the ground water feeding into the lakes makes a major contribution to pollution.

Finance Committee recommends dispensing of this article.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $44,056.07 for the Support of Public Schools through June 30th, 1974.

Finance Committee recommends raising the money.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of $70,303.00, the estimated legal

state-local allocation for the Support of Public Schools for the fiscal period July 1,1974 through January 31, 1975.

Finance Committee recommends that this be authorized.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to establish a School Planning Committee of five members, to be appointed by the Selectmen and School Committee meeting jointly, to study the needs of schools and recommend to the Town a plan for an addition to the Acton Elementary School.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 26. To see what salary the Town will vote to pay members of the School Committee.

Finance Committee recommends: $100.00 for Chairman - $75.00 for each member.

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Support of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Finance Committee recommends $500.00

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Flags on the Graves of Soldiers and Sailors.

Finance Committee recommends $40.00

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town wil vote to raise and appropriate for 4-H Club Prizes.

Finance Committee recommends $100.00

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for new books for the Acton Public Library.

Finance Committee recommends $300.00

Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection for the ensuing year. Balance is $330.00 - Amount re-quested $3000.00.

Finance Committee recommends that $3000.00 be raised.

Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of Fire Equipment for the ensuing year. Amount requested: $1,000.00.

Finance Committee recommends that $1,000.00 be raised.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for Sealing the Fire Station Yard.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $500.00 to start a numbering

system for homes and camps for the protection of the people to be used by emergency services. Requested by the Fire Department.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for Acton Health Council for the ensuing year. This money to be used for Physicals, Immunizations and Dental Floride Treatments for the coming year. The present balance as of 1-31-74 is $4.09

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lights for the ensuing year.

Finance Committee recommends $550.00

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to revert the balance of $1,327.00 the School Construction account to its original account of Federal Revenue Sharing.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $300.00 over a two year period for a committee to be organized for the Celebration of our Country's anniversary - 1976 - This amount to be used for Beautification of the outside of the Town Hall and Library Buildings, such as Landscaping and General Cleanup.

Finance Committee recommends dispensing with this article.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1974.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest at the rate of .6 - six-tenths of one percent or part thereof on all unpaid taxes after September 30th, 1974, with such receipts to be included with those of the Surplus Account.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 41. To see what date the Town will vote to have Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes become due.

Finance Committee recommends upon presentation.

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town. Such loans to be paid back during the current municipal year out of the money raised by taxes of said municipal year.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell any property acquired by Matured Liens, and to issue Quit Claim Deeds for the same, and to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of mortgage liens.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to include the receipts of the Excise Taxes and Overlay with those of the Miscellaneous Expense Account.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to have the Snow Removal, State Aid Road Construction, School Accounts, Fire Protection, Fire Equipment, Fire Truck, Library Repairs, Town Equipment and the Miscellaneous Account carried forward into their respective 1974 accounts with all other balances to be lapsed to Surplus.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $264.86 for Membership in the Maine Municipal Association for the ensuing year.

Finance Committee recommends raising $264.86

Article 47. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for WCBB Public Television from Colby-Bates-Bowdin Public Television of Lewiston, Me. More than 200 communities are being served through this media.

Finance Committee recommends dispensing with the article.

Article 48. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for services from the York County Homemaker Services for the ensuing year.

Finance Committee makes No Recommendation

Article 50. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $250.25 based on $35 per million dollars of current State valuation (the same rate at which all members of the Commission are being assessed), to be paid to the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission to support its work on behalf of the municipalities and counties in the Southern Maine Planning and Development District.

Finance Committee recommends Favorable

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $314.50 for the purpose of advertising its resources and attractions on the authority vested to cities and towns in Maine by Legislature , Title 30, Section 5106 M.R.S.A. of 1964, as amended. The amount requested is based on the 1973 State valuation of Municipalities, as complied by the State Bureau of Taxation.

Finance Committee recommends No Appropriations

U.S. REVENUE SHARING TRUST FUNDS

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance to formulate a permanent Acton Police Department. This department to consist of a

Chief of Police and one temporary officer as his assistant .

This request is asked for by 48 registered voters of Acton.

If this ordinance is passed by the voters of the Town then a Police Commission will be set up to determine the best course of action to be taken, this commission shall consist of 3 Selectmen, 3 qualified Law Enforcement men from impartial sections of the area and a majority of the Finance Committee. This section will be activated before August 30th, 1974, at which time the present men will have completed their present appointments. This department could be funded with Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

Finance Committee recommends dispensing with this article.

Article 53. If the Town votes in favor of a Permanent Police Department (Article 52), then to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 for funding the same. If in the event the Town rejects this ordinance then said sum shall be used or part thereof for the one year service that has been given by the present department, the dates being August 30th, 1973 through August 30th, 1974. The balance of this account shall be used for the security of Balch Dam property.

Finance Committee makes No Recommendation

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund and transfer to an Environmental Improvement Fund, $1,000.00, to be used in the implementation of the program to raise the standards of sewage disposal in the town as described in Article 22.

Finance Committee recommends dispensing with this article.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Trust Fund the sum of $2,666.00 for State Aid Road Construction in addition to the amount regularly raised for care of Ways, Highways and Bridges under the provisions of Title 23, Mrsa, Section 1101, 1103 or 1104.

Finance Committee recommends No Appropriations

Article 56. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and transfer to a "Town Dump Account". This appropriation is intended to facilitate the funding, management and planning for compliance with the Solid Waste Disposal Regulations which become effective July 1, 1975.

Finance Committee recommends that we raise $5,000.00 and take this amount from Revenue Sharing Funds.

Article 57. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Capital Improvements to Town Buildings.

Finance Committee recommends that we appropriate $1,000.00 and it be taken from Revenue Sharing Funds.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the absentee voting provisions of Section 2062 of Title 30 of the Maine Revised Statutes.

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Selectmen of Acton, Maine

Below are listed the answers to some questions frequently asked about Acton

Name of lakes and ponds in or bordering Acton:

Balch	Moose
Great East	Mousam
Hansen	Square
Horn	Swan
Loon	Wilson

Date of first settlement: 1776

Date incorporated as a town: 1830

Population, decennial census 1960: 501
1970: 697

Registered voters, 1972: 586

School population,

Elementary:	1962	77	1972	101
Secondary:	1962	38	1972	51

Area: approximately 43 sq. miles
land area: 25,120 acres;
water: 2480 acres

Highest elevation: Hussey Hill

Out of state owners come from 27 states and 1 foreign country.

NEWFIELD
Balch Pond
WAKEFIELD
Acton Ridge 960'
Swan Pd.
Hanson Pond
Moose Pond
GREAT
EAST
Horn Hill 920'
Horn Pond
Wilson Lake
SQUARE POND
TO SANBORNVILLE N.H.
RIVER
A C T O N
Garrish Mtn. 920'
ACTON
Hungry Hill 690'
SOUTH LAKE
"TOTAL POP 501"
Hussey Hill 1020'
SALMON
FALLS
South Acton
Lake Pond
Heels Br.
Milton Mills
MILTON
RIVER
Hurd Hill 920'
Hanson Lake
Miller Corner
Black Pd.